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NOTICE TO OWNERS OF HISTORICAL SPECIMENS

P/ The Hall of Dentistry of the new Museum of History and Technology, to be opened in Washington, probably in 1960, will feature exhibits representing the progress of dentistry. Relevant specimens for some phases of dental development are still lacking in the collection of the Smithsonian Institution. Therefore, all persons and schools wishing to help and having specimens (especially old instruments and equipment) are urged to indicate their holdings to the appropriate committee of the American Academy of the History of Dentistry. Then the committee will know where needed items may be procured. The chairman of the Special Advisory Committee to the Smithsonian Institution on the Hall of Dental History is Dr. C. Willard Camalier, 1726 Eye St., NW, Washington 6, D. C.

SPANISH DENTAL SOURCES OF 15th CENTURY

E/ The library of the American Dental Association has received as a gift from the publishers a handsome copy of La Odontologia en Espagna en los Textos Castellanos del Siglo XV (Dentistry in Spain in Castilian Texts of the 15th Century), Barcelona, 1952. The volume, edited by Francisco Vindel, and published by Denticolor (a dental manufacturing firm?), includes facsimiles of the dental passages of all incunabula published in Spanish in Spain. A transliteration into modern Spanish accompanies the facsimiles.

The texts included are as follows:

Guido de Cauliaco. Cirurgia.
Guido de Cauliaco. Barcelona, 1492.
Guido de Cauliaco. Girurgia, Sevilla, 1498.
Ketham. Compendio di la salud humana, Zaragoza, 1494.
Bartholomaeus Anglicus. Proprietades de las Cosas, Tolosa, 1494.
Bernardo de Gardonio. Lilio de Medicina, Sevilla, 1494.
Lanfranco. La Cirurgia, Sevilla, 1495.
Lopez de Villalobos. El sumario de Medicina, Salamanca, 1498.

This work is not only an interesting collector's item, but also a most convenient compilation of rare documents.

DENTISTRY IN THE LAST 100 YEARS

E/ Münchener Medizinische Wochenschrift celebrates its centennial of publication (vol. 100, Jan. 3, 1958) with a group of fifteen papers on the developments of various phases of medicine during the century. Among these interesting contributions is an article, "100 Jahre wissenschaftliche Zahnheilkunde" (p. 58-62) by J. Heiss and F. Hochreiter.

These authors raise the old question of the relation between medicine and dentistry in the development of the latter. The assumption that the "scientific" developments of dentistry are owed to medicine is open to criticism. If medicine per se is a practice, like dentistry, consisting largely of diagnosis and treatment, then both professions rest in a measure upon sciences, in and out of the health field. Both medicine and dentistry have relied heavily on biology. Medicine does not have a monopoly on anatomy, histology, pathology, chemistry, and bacteriology; and to some of these sciences, dentistry has contributed most of the knowledge pertaining to its own domain.

ILLUSTRATIONS OF DISSECTION

E/ Excellent illustrations of early dissections, printed in color, appear in two articles by A. M. Cetto, "Sektionen im 14. Jahrhundert" and "Die Sektion in der mittelalterlichen Miniatur" (Ciba Symposium 5:124-126, 168-172, 1957). Other interesting pictures of dissection at later times are in G. Wolf-Heidegger's "Beobachtung am Krankenbett, Sektion und Tierversuch--die Grundlagentrias medizinischer Forschung" (Ciba Symposium 5:73-78, 1957).